



# PHHS FOUNDATION

*The past and the present coming together for the future.*

**September 2022**

## Foundation President's Message

I am honored to serve as the newly elected President of the Patrick Henry High School (PHHS) Foundation. Others held this position before me, and I wish to express appreciation for all the past Presidents for their service to the Foundation whose mission is to enhance the learning environment at Patrick Henry and expand educational opportunities for students. Additionally, I would like to thank the most recent President, Cathy Roehl Peterson, for her role in not only leading this group, but also by guiding us through tough times during her term. At times, the challenges have been substantial and even controversial. The Foundation thrives and continues to grow because of her skills and commitment to the school, faculty, students, alumni, and surrounding community. Although her time as President has ended, her place on the Foundation Board continues as she will stay on to help me and others who are newer to the Foundation understand what still needs to be done to continue the mission in the coming school year and well into the future.

The current Board consists of previous long-term members who have held many positions during their time on the Foundation. I want to thank every one of them for their prior service. Some have recently left the Board to focus on other commitments, but most have remained. The work of these selfless individuals has ensured funding for special project requests the school budget is unable to fulfill. In addition, scholarships have been awarded to those who have applied and meet the criteria. But there is more work.

To the alumni who have supported the Foundation with their monetary donations that provided the funding necessary to satisfy requests: THANK YOU! Without you there would not be a Foundation. I am thankful for the past support and hope that this continues in the future. We could also grow in our numbers. My request from you now is to help the Foundation grow by helping us reach out to alumni who may not know about the Foundation, and by increasing donations. I hope classes that have minimal representation become engaged with monetary support and/or active volunteer participation. The PHHS Foundation is looking for Board members, volunteers for committees and/or special projects, points of contact for each graduating class, and ways to get messages and requests communicated on social media platforms in hopes to better interact with all alumni.

Our future looks bright if we can thank and honor those who served this Foundation in the past, continue to do the work needed today to fund objectives in line with our mission, and grow our membership and financial support to ensure the future success of the students and faculty. As Patrick Henry said, "I know of no way of judging of the future but by the past." So, if the past is any indicator, our previous leaders have built a foundation that should lead to future success. We just need your help **today** to make this happen.

Geneva (Sorensen) Kubal '80  
PHHS Foundation President

*The PHHS Foundation exists to enhance the learning environment at Patrick Henry and expand educational opportunities for students.*

## **Interested in volunteering on the PHHS Foundation Board?**

*Attend one of our monthly meetings or contact a Board member to find out more information.*

*Meetings are held the third Wednesday, 4:30 pm, at Henry\*. We do not meet in June, July or December.*

*\* During spikes of the Covid-19 pandemic, we may chose to meet via teleconference.*

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE, EVENTS & OTHER NEWS

Henry Family,

I am writing with some bittersweet news. I have accepted a new role as Associate Superintendent here at Minneapolis Public Schools, which means that I will no longer serve as principal. For the last seven years, you have been so supportive, and I am grateful for the time I had to learn with and from you! More importantly, thank you for trusting me as the principal of Henry High School, with your child.

When I accepted the principal position, I never set eyes on being an associate superintendent or a superintendent. Instead, I wanted to be the best principal I could possibly be for the Henry community. I feel I have what it takes to serve the broader community in a time of need. One thing that I learned from the Henry community is that if we spend the necessary time together with purpose, hard work and love we can be one PHamily. It is my goal for MPS to be one family.

It is my pleasure to announce that Ms. Liza Anderson Schmid will be the principal of Henry as of August 1, 2022. Ms. Anderson Schmid was assistant principal at Henry High School from July 2014 - June 2021. For the past year, she led Field Elementary as principal. She has more than 20 years of experience in education and started her career as a middle school science teacher in the Mounds View School district. Throughout her career, she has focused on meeting the individual needs of students while using data to help drive decision-making.

Principal Anderson Schmid graduated from Concordia College with degrees in biology and earth science. She also holds a master's degree in Curriculum Development and Instruction and an Educational Specialist degree in K-12 Administration from the University of St. Thomas. She also completed her K-12 principal licensure at the University of St. Thomas.

I know that the community will come together and support Interim Principal Anderson Schmid. Henry will go through the process to select a permanent leader in the spring of 2023.

Sincerely,

Yusuf A. Abdullah  
Associate Superintendent, Middle School & Magnet  
Minneapolis Public Schools

### Hall of Fame

Due to lack of complete applications submitted before the June 1 deadline, we do not have Hall of Fame honorees this year, nor will we host a luncheon this fall.

To be considered for 2023 nominations, applications are due June 1, 2023. For more information and to view or download a [HOF nomination form](#), please visit our website: <https://patrickhenryhighschoolfoundation.org>

*Following is the communication from Principal Anderson Schmid announcing the recent Minneapolis Public School Board decision to change the name of Patrick Henry High School. We understand this may be a surprise and disappointment to some, but regardless of the school name, the Foundation continues to execute on its mission "to enhance the learning environment...and expand educational opportunities for students."*

Dear Henry Community,

I hope you all are enjoying your summer and getting excited for the first day of school! I am writing to inform you of some important news. At last night's MPS Board of Education meeting, our school was directed to begin the school name change process. A copy of the resolution can be found [here](#).

Now that the resolution has passed, we are excited to start the process of selecting a new name that better reflects our school's values. This inclusive process will include researching new names, establishing educational lessons about the history of school names and surveying and, importantly, engaging our students, staff and community about name awareness.

We are in the very beginning of this process, but if you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me directly. I hope you all enjoy the rest of your summer, and I look forward to welcoming you back to school in a few weeks.

Sincerely,

Principal Liza Anderson Schmid

## Upcoming Events

### Patrick Henry H.S. Homecoming

**Oct 8, 1 pm** vs South

### Class of 1965 Reunions

**Second Wednesday each month, 1 pm:** Pub 42, 7600 42nd Ave N, New Hope

### Class of 1956 66th Reunion

**Sept 13, 11am—4:30pm:** Edinburgh Golf Course, 8700 Edinbrook Crossing, Brooklyn Park 55443.

### Class of 1957 65th Reunion

**Sept 14, Noon:** Lucky's Pub, 3000 Harbor Lane N, Plymouth

Contact Warren Rolek at [wjr@iphouse.com](mailto:wjr@iphouse.com) or 612-599-0942

### Class of 1958 64th Reunion

**Sept 20, 11:30 am social hour, 12:30 pm lunch:** Pub 42, 7600 42nd Ave N, New Hope

Contact Barb Sletten Keller at 763-421-7264

### **Cathy Roehl Peterson—Class of 1965**

Back in the mid 1990's, when I was the Athletic Director at South High School, Don Swanson who was the Henry Athletic Director asked me to start a Foundation and Hall of Fame at Henry. In 1999 when I retired, Ann Kaari, Henry alumni and former Minneapolis school board member and chair, and I put our heads together and recruited a number of friends to start the Henry Foundation. By doing so, Wynn Wallin, former CEO of Medtronic, assured us there would be scholarship money available for Henry students through the Foundation. We couldn't *not* start a foundation.

We started with zero dollars. But we also found that not only were scholarships important, but everyday immediate needs of teachers and staff to help students were also important. Teacher requests for funding through the school district could take months – if ever – to be approved, while the Foundation could approve requests and the money would be there overnight.

I am the last living Foundation founder and have stayed with the Foundation because the good I see it plays in Henry's staff and students' lives. I have held every office on the Board and work with the Hall of Fame committee. Each year, raising money gets harder and harder and the needs get larger and larger, but the satisfaction of helping the very school that gave me the basis for my lifelong success brings me great joy. An added benefit is it has also kept me connected to my own classmates and alumni from other classes.

### **Judy Borman Fehn—Class of 1965**

I am Judy Borman Fehn from the Class of 1965. I was very anxious to graduate high school and move on. My memories of high school were like many: a lot were good and some not so good. I have attended most of my class reunions and was always anxious to attend. I enjoyed meeting up with classmates and seeing those who were changing with the times and those who didn't. There are many classmates to this day I still consider true friends.

I was asked what class left the greatest impression on me. It was my 9th grade English class with Mrs. Randle, and we studied Greek Mythology. The stories fascinated me which made me the eclectic reader that I am today. My college degree wasn't English but rather Biology.

About 5 years ago I was asked to attend a Foundation meeting and to consider becoming a member. I was impressed how the group made their decisions based upon the Foundations goals and objectives: 1) How will students benefit? 2) How can the staff benefit? 3) How does the school benefit? These criteria are used to make all decisions. Yes, Henry has changed but, a lot is the same. We have all changed. But I do know being a graduate of Henry has left an impression on me. For that reason, I appreciate the opportunity to be part of the Foundation.

### **Laura (Wincek) Hudoba—Class of 1965**

In 2006, at a post class reunion committee meeting, Brad Thorsen and Cathy Roehl Peterson, who at the time were current Foundation Board members, asked me to attend a PHHS Foundation Board meeting. I accepted the invitation and attended a meeting. After watching, listening, and learning during three meetings, a motion was approved to accept me as the newest Board member. I accepted and I have served as President and Vice President during my tenure as a Board member.

Realizing the daily needs and challenges teachers and staff face at Patrick Henry, the importance of the Foundation became clear with each Board meeting. The needs are many and the results from donations are appreciated by staff and scholarship recipients. It is a pleasure to serve on the Foundation as we continue to pursue future members and donations.

### **Patrick Henry High School Foundation Scholarships**

Thank you for your donations. They make these scholarships possible!

- Roberta Luna received the "From the Heart" scholarship and will be attending the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities.
- Naquiyah Ahmed received the Foundation Scholarship and is undecided for fall.
- Xavier Manley received the Foundation Scholarship and is undecided for fall.
- Evan Lee received the Foundation Scholarship and will be attending Chippewa Valley Technical College.
- Kendale Perkins received the Gary A. Foss Scholarship and will be attending Minnesota State University in Mankato.
- Syrron White received the Dan Schmidt Memorial Scholarship and will be attending Indian Hills Community College.

# DONATIONS & FOUNDATION INFORMATION

## \$2,000 and Over

### **Arnold Wodtke '72**

In memory of wife Janice (Longerborne) Wodtke '72

## \$500-\$999

### **Anonymous**

### **From the Heart Scholarship**

### **Diana (Anderson) Colton '57**

In honor of Judy (Anderson) Guerts

## \$100-\$249

### **Special School District No. 1**

### **Anonymous**

In honor of Class of 1954

### **Dean Berntsen '53**

In memory of wife Elaine (Olson) Berntsen '53

### **Ron and Carol (Shapansky) Gomez '64**

In memory of John Harrington '89

### **Jon M. Heath '56**

In memory of Marcia Heath - class of 1960

### **Jane Kostik former staff**

### **Brian Kozicky**

### **LaVonne (Synder) Mountain '61**

In memory of JoAnn Schuller & Janet Gerdtz '61

In memory of Christian Schmidt & Harold Bobgan, teachers

### **Charles K. Smith '65**

In memory of Dan Super, husband of Jeanne (Reck) Super '65

### **Jery Theis '72**

In memory of Bill Hunter '72

### **Jack & Deanna (Schefer) Tuomie '61 & '63**

In honor of class of 1961 & 1963

### **Patti (Line) Weber '65**

## \$50-\$99

### **Anonymous**

### **Clifford (Larry) Adams**

In memory of Linda

### **William (Bill) Baker '56**

In memory of those who have left us class of '56. Till we meet again.

### **Lanny Carlson '60**

In honor of class of 1960, Happy 80th Birthday

### **Lorraine (Illg) Hamack '53**

In memory of John Hammock & Sharon Pederson

In honor of all service men & women

### **Ken Johnson '65**

In memory of Scott D. Schoeben, '66. Killed in Viet Nam

### **Mona Klimmeki '71**

### **James Pedersen '63**

### **Jean (Johnson) Picard '70**

### **Richard Toftness**

## \$25-\$49

### **Nancy (Dahl) Carlson '57**

In memory of Bob Stromberg '57

### **Annette (Kolinski) Edstrom '58**

In memory of Terry Edstrom '58

### **Tim Guzek '77**

### **Audrey B. Mathinen Krutzig '57**

In memory of Joe Krutzig '49

### **Mercedia C. Murphy**

### **Sandra L. (Thompson) O'Connor '57**

In honor of Nancy Crowell Lentz '55

### **Marilyn (Nelson) Rue '63**

In memory of Loyal D. Nelson '65

### **Barbara Soucy '57**

In memory of Bob Stromberg '57

### **Kimberly (Tappe) Thompson '83**

In memory of Doreen Savage (teacher)

## Less Than \$25

### **Susan Breedlove**

In memory of Ann Kaari '60

### **Steve Skjold '56**

## Donor Story

When I give to the PHHS Foundation, I have confidence that my money is wisely spent and creates value. I've had the privilege to get to know the PHHS Foundation officers over the past few years. They're great people, and I trust them. They are Henry graduates like you and me, giving back to the Henry community.

Another reason I give is that the Northside neighborhood where we grew up continues to be low-middle to low income working families. The Northside will always be a part of us. I proudly dispel misperceptions that others have about Northsiders. We work harder, we're not quitters, we're humble, and we take care of others. Now, we have a responsibility to give back.

What were your hopes and dreams in high school? I wanted a college degree, a good paying career, and a family. I had no resources, no mentors, and limited guidance. My path was not linear, but I do know that none of it would have been possible without my high school education (and my mom, of course). There are young women and men at Henry today who may have similar aspirations and struggles. Giving to the Foundation enables, supports, and creates opportunity for our young people.

And let's be honest. Other school foundations have much bigger budgets and much wealthier donors.

We did not come from a wealthy community but if everyone gives something, it matters and impacts other lives. I hope you will join me and donate to the PHHS Foundation.

Please reach out if you have any questions. I'd love to hear from you.

Linda Wolter Lonn  
Class of 1983

## PHHS Foundation Information

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**Website:** <https://patrickhenryhighschoolfoundation.org> or scan the QR code with your smartphone camera:

**Webmaster:** Dave Berger

**Facebook:** [PHHS Foundation](#)

### Officers

**President:** Geneva (Sorensen) Kubal '80

**Vice President:** Charles Green '83

**Treasurer:** Jim Sawyer '66

**Secretary:** Louise (Jacobwith) Seigworth '87

### Directors

Julie (Jacobson) Anderson, '71

Liza Anderson Schmid, PHHS Principal (non-voting)

Dave Berger '81

Lyndon Carlson, former PHHS teacher

Laura (Wincek) Hudoba '65

Judy (Borman) Fehn '65

Cathy (Roehl) Peterson '65

### Newsletter Editor

Louise Seigworth

### Newsletter Contributors

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### School Website

<https://henry.mpls.k12.mn.us>



Thank you!



# PROGRAMS SUPPORTED BY YOU!

## Joy Festival

Henry High School had its first annual Joy Festival on June 9, 2022. The event focused on our multi-ethnic identities and our joy as a school community. Students shared their work at tables that showcased their identity and brought them joy from the school year. Food samples from various countries and performances were other ways students shared who they are. After a very challenging school year, the day brought immense joy to students and staff. Thank you, Henry Foundation, for your generous donation to make it a successful event! We look forward to working in partnership with you next year.

[Link to Joy Festival Photos](#)

Sincerely,  
Heather Hauck



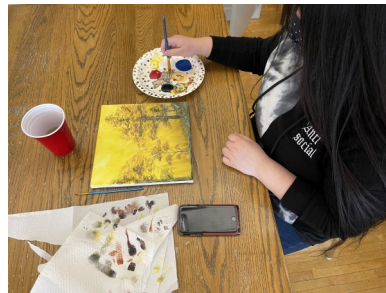
## HAP—Henry Achievement Program

I built a lesson around the idea of "Painting Your Sun" or coming up with an image, word, shape or pattern that would bring students in the HAP program comfort or peace when they need it in their lives. The sun rises each morning, regardless of if it's cloudy or clear.

We discussed Social Emotional Learning as both children and adults, Trauma Informed Care and becoming attuned to the needs of our bodies to center our souls. It was very enjoyable to watch them create and paint along with soothing music.

The HAP students along with my fellow HAP colleagues thank you for your generosity in providing the materials for students to create a keepsake that will remind themselves of their resiliency and strength in cloudy times.

Sincerely,  
Regina A. Gates (she/her/hers)  
English and Global Communications Teacher  
HAP-Henry Achievement Program



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**We Depend on Your Support**

The Patrick Henry High School Foundation seeks to create an environment where students, families, teachers, and staff are empowered to shape the world in which they live. This environment ensures all students have equal access to quality materials and superior technologies. We see a world where our students excel by capturing the spirit of innovation and carving the path of our future. Our goal is to inspire personal growth and development that builds upon a foundation of skills, knowledge, and abilities, so they are equipped to become the future leaders of our society.

Please print your information below and mail it to:  
PHHS Foundation, 4320 Newton Avenue North, Minneapolis, MN 55412.  
Or visit the PHHS Foundation online to donate <https://patrickhenryhighschoolfoundation.org/donate>.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Maiden Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ This is updated information? YES NO

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

I am: \_\_\_ Alumni \_\_\_ Parent \_\_\_ Current Student \_\_\_ Staff \_\_\_ Business \_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Support Level Enclosed: \_\_\_ \$2,000 \_\_\_ \$1,000 \_\_\_ \$500 \_\_\_ \$250 \_\_\_ \$100 \_\_\_ Other Amount

Optional: In Support of (program/activity): \_\_\_\_\_

Optional: In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_ Class Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Optional: In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_ Class Year: \_\_\_\_\_